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SUBJECT: FUTURE CONSTRUCTION: SANTO DOMINGO PORT TUNNEL

DEPT PASS OPIC

1. THE GODR ISSUED A DECREE MARCH 15 CREATED A DOMINICAN TUNNEL COMMISSION (WHOSE CHAIRMAN IS GODR VICE PRESIDENT GOICO MORALES), CHARGED WITH BUILDING A VEHICULAR TUNNEL UNDER THE OZAMA RIVER IN THE SANTO DOMINGO PORT AREA. THE PROJECT ALSO INCLUDES A 35-STORY HOTEL AT SAN SOUCI, WHERE THE TUNNEL WOULD EMERGE ON THE EAST SIDE OF THE RIVER. REPORTED CONSTRUCTION COST IS \$35 MILLION. COPY OF DECREE HAS BEEN POUCHED TO ARA/ CAR/ DR.

2. A U. S. CITIZEN, JOHN ELLSWORTH (SP?) (66 COURT STREET, BROOKLYN, 834-8888), APPEARS TO BE A PRINCIPAL MOVER BEHIND THE SCHEME, AT LEAST IN PROVIDING THE FINANCING, WHICH HE PROPOSES TO SECURE BY FLOATING A TWENTY- YEAR, 6-1/2 PERCENT BOND ISSUE IN THE UNITED STATES. ELLSWORTH CALLED ON THE EMBASSY MARCH 14 AND AGAIN MARCH 30, THE LATTER OCCASION WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF FOLLOWING U. S. CONSTRUCTION AND DESIGN FIRMS WHICH ARE INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATING: CURTIS \$ DAVIS, ARCHITECTS & PLANNERS, NY; PARSONS, BRINCKERHOFF, QUADE & DOUGLAS ENGINEERS, NY; AND HELICON CONSTRUCTION CORP., MELVILLE, L. I., NY.

3. ELLSWORTH INFORMS EMBOFFS HE HAS HAD CONTACT WITH STATE AND AID DOMINICAN DESK OFFICERS, AS WELL AS WITH OPIC, TO WHOM HE (OR HELICON) HAS APPLIED TO INSURE THE CONSTRUCTION PORTION OF THE PORJECT.

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4. EMBASSY HAS CONSIDERABLE DOUBTS THAT GODR WILL IN FINAL ANALYSIS PROCEED WITH THIS SCHEME SINCE IT INVOLVES A LARGE AMOUNT OF FOREIGN BORROWING AT NON- CONCESSIONAL TERMS. NEVERTHE- LESS, MR. ELLSWORTH ET AL ARE LIKELY TO BE FACTORS ON THE DOMINI- CAN SCENE FOR SOME TIME AND PRIVATE AND PUBLIC SECOTR DOMINICANS WILL BE SEEKING EMBASSY' S ASSESSMENT OF AMERICAN PARTIES AND THEIR SCHEME. THEREFORE, EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION DEPARTMENTS OF COMMERCE AND STATE COULD PROVIDE CONCERNING MR. ELLSWORTH AND THE FIRMS LISTED IN PARA 2.
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